

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	EAS.103
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Gill House
<b>Common Name:</b>	Nauset Farm
<b>Address:</b>	2020 Nauset Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Eastham
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	09-387A
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1840
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Greek Revival
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Dairy; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick; Concrete Unspecified



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2020 Nauset Road

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Present

Residential

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f Construction

Between 1830 & 1858

See Bibliography\*

Form

Greek Revival

ect/Builder

or Material:

here. Indicate North.

Foundation Pargetted Concrete over Brick

Wall/Trim Clapboard (Facade and side elevation, main block and facade, lateral wing); Shingles (Other elevations).

Roof Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

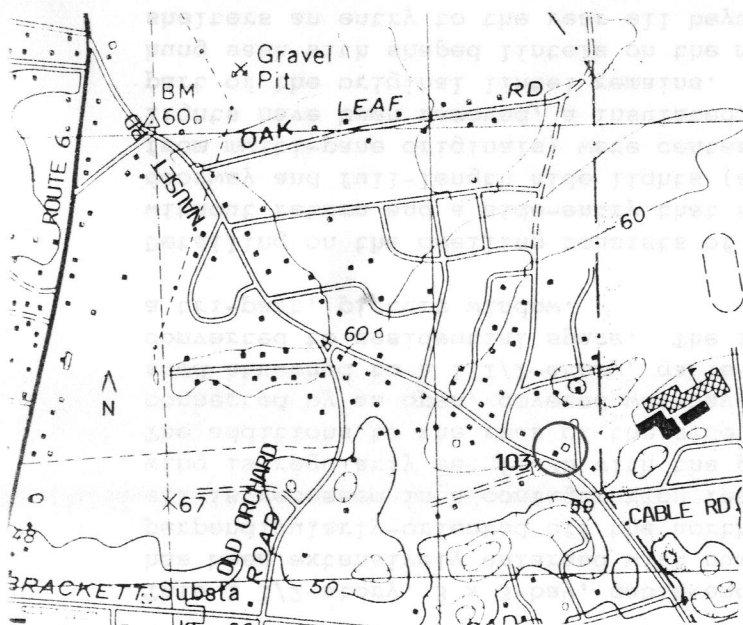
Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage .78 Acres

Setting Located in a moderately-settled, rural area just N of the T-intersection of Cable and Nauset Roads.



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## BUILDING FORM

2020 Nauset Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION      See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 1 1/2-story, 3 x 3-bay, gable-end, side-entry dwelling with lateral wing has been extensively enlarged with numerous, interconnected constructions, perpendicularly-oriented off the northeast end of the lateral wing. The side ell is recessed in a configuration less common to Eastham where the lateral wing is regularly set flush with the plane of the facade of the main block. The additions to the rear of the side ell lead to a lateral, shed-roofed shed connected by an open, covered walkway to a 1-story, gable-roofed equipment shed attached to a 1 1/2-story, gable-roofed, New England barn that has been converted to residential space. The former sliding door has been replaced by a tri-part, picture window.

Detailing on the dwelling consists of end boards, boxed, molded cornice without return and a side-entry that has been modified. Previously, the doorway and full-length side lights (already replaced with a single fixed pane from multi-pane originals) were centered under a shaped lintel. The side lights have been removed, a insulated, metal door has been installed and only part of the original lintel remains. Fenestration consists of 2/2, double-hung sash with shaped lintels on the main block. A small, shed-roof porch shelters an entry to the rear ell beyond the north end of the lateral wing. One chimney penetrates the north slope of the main block. An outside end chimney is located on the rear (east) elevation of the main block

Also on site is a 3 x 2-bay, free-standing, clapboard and shingle cottage located northeast of the house.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE   X   See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Nauset Road was a local loop off King's Highway in the north of Eastham built during the Federal Period. By the end of the 1700's, a windmill was located at the west shore of Salt Pond. That mill may be the one moved to Eastham Center. On the 1831 map of Eastham, another windmill is indicated further north on the west side of Nauset Road. These structures indicate a developed agricultural presence at the southern end of Nauset Road. By 1831, a small hamlet was in place at the junction of Nauset Road and King's Highway which included at least one commercial establishment. A school was also located in the neighborhood just south of the windmill. The windmill, which had been run by Isaiah Gill and Freeman Horton, was out of operation and dismantled by 1865.

Deed research on file in the Eastham Historical Society Archives traces the property at 2020 Nauset Road only to 1921. Locally known as Nauset Farm, it appears that the property was owned by members of the Gill family, but a comparison of local maps leaves unresolved without confirmation from title

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES   X   See continuation sheet.

     Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;  
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

research the identity of the family members who were owners. The style of the house indicates a construction date between 1830 and 1850. The 1858 map of Eastham shows a house in the general vicinity attributed to N. Gill. The 1880 map of Eastham attributes two houses on the east side of Nauset Road to different members of the Gill Family. This house appears to be ascribed to H. S. Gill. Heman S. Gill is listed as a carpenter on Nauset Road in the 1901 directory of Eastham. The 1908 map of Eastham denotes G. E. Gill at the site. George Gill, the son of Heman Gill, is mentioned in the local file as a possible owner along with his children Maurice, Eleanor and Edward. George Gill worked as a farmer, shell fisherman and carpenter specializing on the construction of skiffs.

James Brewer owned the farm for a short time in the 1920's and early 1930's when it was sold at auction to Ralph A. Chase.

In 1939 when the farm was sold to Clifton S. and Clarice E. Prescott, it included 20 acres of land. Known uses to which the property was placed in the twentieth century include a dairy farm and a truck farm on which asparagus and various fruit including apples, grapes and raspberries were raised. Asparagus was a major market crop grown in Eastham in the early twentieth century.

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